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Joint Resolution

To proclaim October 23, 1986, as "A Time of Remembrance" for all victims of terrorism throughout the world.

Aug. 27, 1986

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Whereas the problem of terrorism has become an international concern that knows no boundaries—religious, racial, political, or national;

Whereas thousands of men, women, and children have died at the hands of terrorists in nations around the world, and today terrorism continues to claim the lives of many peace-loving individuals;

Whereas October 23, 1983, is the date on which the largest number of Americans were killed in a single act of terrorism—the bombing of the United States compound in Beirut, Lebanon, in which two hundred and forty-one United States servicemen lost their lives;

Whereas many of these victims died defending ideals of peace and freedom; and

Whereas it is appropriate to honor all victims of terrorism, and in America to console the families of victims, and to cherish the freedom that their sacrifices make possible for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 23, 1986, be proclaimed as "A Time of Remembrance", to urge all Americans to take time to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made in the pursuit of peace and freedom, and to promote active participation by the American people through the wearing of a purple ribbon, a symbol of patriotism, dignity, loyalty, and martyrdom. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly United States flags at half staff throughout the world in the hope that the desire for peace and freedom take firm root in every person and every nation.

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